

# REPUBLICAN PRINCIPLES ARE EXPOUNDED TO CONVENTION

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purpose instead of magnifying individual belief, and he, too, will find new rejoicing in being a Republican. No party can endure which is not progressive."

## Lessons of the War

The world at war, preparedness and America's foreign relations served as the basis for the senator's first discussion of the issues. The enormity of the war in Europe, the tidal wave of distress and disaster, new wonders and new hindrances in commerce had utterly changed economic conditions, and "these have attended embarrassments in American foreign relation," he said, "as difficult as those which the individual citizen experiences whose every neighbor is involved in deadly quarrel."

"Everything is abnormal except the depleted condition of the federal treasury, which is characteristic of Democratic control," he said, "and the facility of the administration for writing varied notes without effective notice." Amid these conditions, America he asserted had been singled out for leadership among the neutral powers. "but the administration at Washington spoke with more rhetoric than resolution, and we come to realize the warning powers soon came to know that the official American voice lacked the volume of determined expression that once demanded international heed, and we lacked the strength and confidence in our own defenses."

## Mexico and Europe

In the discussion of foreign relations the temporary chairman made particular reference to Americanism, to the course with Mexico and with Europe. Beginning with Americanism he traced it back to Independence days when there were Americans from Great Britain, from Germany, from France and southern Europe who made a common cause. Since that time, he said, America's gates had swung inward to the foreign-born and "they are an inseparable and important and valued part of our American citizenship, and the few zealous of any origin who violate our neutrality do not, and can not, impugn the loyalty of the American patriotism of that great body which adds to the swelling

choirs of 'My country 'tis of thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.'"

Expressing reluctance to speak of the division of American sentiment relating to foreign affairs, Senator Harding discussed briefly the Mexican problem. "It must be said, for the truth's sake and clearer understanding, we have hungered in vain for that unflinching Americanism at Washington which is needed to exalt the American soul," he declared. "There is no geographic modification of American rights. They are the same in Mexico that they are on the high seas, they are the same in Europe that they are in Asia, and are sacred everywhere, and the American spirit demands their fullest protection."

## Humiliation in Mexico

"Whatever the ultimate solution may be, history will write Mexico as the title to the humiliating recital of the greatest fiasco in our foreign relations. Uncertainty, instability, Mexican contempt and waning self-respect will be recorded in every chapter, and the pitiable story of sacrificed American lives and the destruction of lawfully held American property will emphasize the mistaken policy of watchful waiting and wobbling warfare."

"Under the pretext of non-interference the Democratic administration miserably meddled. In the name of peace that same administration encouraged revolution, and the cost of American sacrifices was charged to needless war on Huerta, where the real American expenditure required only the voice of authority demanding protection to American rights. The unbiased critic will recite that the Democratic administration first coddled Villa as a patriot, then chased him as a bandit."

Respecting America's course with Europe the temporary chairman asserted that no political party could draw a "variable chart of our ship of state amid Europe's warring ambitions."

## Expulsion of Justice

"Justice," he continued, "points the way through the safe channel of neutrality. There are dangers, seeming or real, looming on every side, but we should feel secure along the course marked by international law and our own conscientious convictions of

American rights. 'STRAIGHT AHEAD' shall be the command, and when peace comes the sober judgment of the world will exalt us even higher and higher as a people strong in heart and noble in the espousal of justice and justice's humanity. In that world-wide respect and confidence which needs only to be preserved, we shall have a lofty place in the great reconstruction, and we reasonably may hope to see this mighty republic again ministering to the re-establishment of peace and all its precious blessings."

## Responsibility of Example

In connection with foreign affairs the senator also discussed widened relationships of the United States declaring that if this government is to urge the world's attention to international justice and to become the agency of a progressive civilization it "must assume the responsibilities of influence and example and accept the burdens of enlarged participation. The cloistered life is not possible to the potential man or the potential nation. Moreover, the Monroe doctrine, stronger for a century's maintenance, fixes an obligation of new-world sponsorship and old-world relationship. Our part must not be dictatorial, it must be trusted leadership in a fraternity of American republics."

The senator declared America had been negligent concerning its own defense and had been dwelling in fancied rather than real security and should heed the "warning in bleeding Europe." Republicans, he said, believed in adequate national defense. The Democratic party, he insisted, interrupted when the Republicans were building to high rank among the naval powers.

"I shall not say that it is ours to have the greatest navy in the world," said the senator, "but noting the elimination of distance and the passing of out one time isolation, we ought to have a navy that fears none in the world, and can say anything and anywhere—these are American rights and must be respected."

## Military Defense

"There are manifest differences about our developments for military defense," he continued. "The president made a trip from the coast to the

valley of the Missouri to tell the American people the need of preparedness. It might have been more seemly to tell the story to congress, for that body was in session and empowered to act, and seemingly ever ready to testify obedience. However, congress undertook to provide an army for defense and the majority wobbled between pacification and preparedness until the Republicans made a rational response to the call of the land, but Democratic insufficiency and inefficiency are recorded in the conference-amended act, and a federal nitrate plant to supply powder to the patriots and pay to the partisans and federal fertilizer to the farmers in competition with private enterprise is the great constructive offering of a Democratic majority."

America, the senator said, proclaimed justice and loved peace, "and we are not too proud to fight for them."

## Plea For Protection

Turning to economics the senator pleaded for a return to the protective tariff policy. He chose, he said, "the economic policy which sends the American working men to the savings banks rather than the soup houses."

"No one," the senator said, "disputes a temporary prosperity in our land today. But it is sectional in its factory aspect, abnormal in its fevered rush, fictitious in its essentials and perverting in its tendency. Worse, it is the gold sluiced from the river of blood, poured out by the horrifying sacrifice of millions of our fellowmen. God forbid that we should boast a prosperity wrought in such waste of human life. We had rather rejoice in the prosperity of peace."

## Democratic Pledges Profaned

Discussing the Democratic party briefly the senator said it had "profaned the sacredness of its pledges and then profaned them;" that it had "espoused the freedom of the seas and wrought only the freedom of the Panama canal," and had "professed economy and is staggered by its own extravagance." He attacked the shipping bill because of its government ownership feature and the attempt of Democratic forces to extend independence to the Philippines, "to set adrift an island empire, in violation of our obligations to the world, to the Philippine people and ourselves."

Senator Harding concluded with a

laudation of Americanism, which he said "begins at home and radiates abroad. The Republican conception gives the first thought to a free people and a fearless people, and speaks conditions at home for the highest human attainment. We believe in American markets for American producers, American wages for American workmen, American opportunity for American genius and industry, and American defense for American soil. American citizenship is the reflex of American conditions, and we believe our policies make for a fortunate people for whom moral material and educational advancement is the open way. The glory of our progress confirms. The answered aspirations of a new world civilization acclaim. We have taken the ideal form or popular government and applied the policies which had led a continent to the altars of liberty and glorified the republic. We have justified pride and fortified hope. We need only to preserve and defend, and go unflinchingly on. Power is the guarantor of peace and conscience the buckler of everlasting right. Verily, it is good to be an American. And we may rejoice to be Republicans."

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